




Sully Spotlight

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Events of Interest

Saturday, Sept. 26th
Centreville Day
10:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25th
K-9 Krawl
9:00a.m.

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Officer of the Quarter



PFC A. Steiding #3323

PFC Steiding was chosen as Officer of the Quarter by the Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee. PFC Steiding was recognized for his outstanding dedication to duty and professionalism. His supervisors describe him as "a dream employee who will do anything that is asked of him." PFC Steiding routinely leads his squad in numerous areas of police work but is extremely proficient in criminal patrol.

Several cases were documented for his nomination. The most recent was a self-initiated subject stop. PFC Steiding stopped a man who actually claimed to be someone else. The man even produced a Virginia ID which showed a picture of someone who looked a lot like him. PFC Steiding noticed that something was just not right and decided to arrest the man for being intoxicated in public. The investigation revealed the man had a second ID card on him. It turns out, the man had numerous outstanding warrants which included malicious wounding, attempted murder, and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

Not only did PFC Steiding take a wanted, violent felon off the street but he also received praise from the Herndon Police detective who was working the case involving those charges. We are truly fortunate to have officers like him on our department. Congratulations PFC Steiding!

Back to School Safety Tips

Beginning in early August and all the way through much of September, schools throughout the country begin welcoming students back from their summer hiatus. Whether you are a parent, child, school administrator, driver, or a concerned citizen, the following tips will help keep our nation's students safe:

- 1. Bus Stop.** Your child's bus stop should be in an area that is well-lit, easily accessible, and away from traffic. If it is not, contact school administrators to have the stop moved. In some situations, you may need to contact the school board instead. If you live in an area where there is heavy snowfall, make sure that the stop is sufficiently free of snow, ice, and related debris.
- 2. Clothing.** Children should be wearing bright-colored clothing, especially if waiting for the bus before sunrise or getting home after dark. Place removable reflective tape on their outer garments including on their hats and coats.
- 3. Boarding.** Teach your children to only move forward to board the school bus when it has come to a complete stop and the driver opens the door. Children should line up single file as they await entrance.
- 4. Seating.** Virtually all school buses **DO NOT** come equipped with seatbelts, nor are seats strong enough to resist impact in the event of a crash. Teach your children to be seated at all times and facing forward. Study various brace positions to prepare for the possibility of a crash. Learn optional exit strategies including the use of the emergency doors or windows.
- 5. Exiting.** When exiting the bus, children must move far away from the vehicle to allow the driver to see that they have cleared the bus and are safely away from traffic. Instruct your children to stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.
- 6. Awareness.** Teach your children to be aware of other traffic in the area. Do not assume that drivers will stop for them or even see them. If children must cross the street, they are to do so only with the driver directing them. Have them constantly look both ways as they cross the street until they safely reach the other side.

Every year children die or are injured in school bus-related crashes. Many die as a result of a vehicular collision while others are killed or hurt because they fail to clear the area around the bus or are hit by on-coming traffic.

You can keep your child safe by raising their awareness of potential hazards while the rest of us can make school bus safety a priority by obeying the rules of the road. Let's make this school year a safe one.



A Safe and Happy Halloween



- ☞ Never Trick or Treat alone. Walk with other kids or have your parents with you.
- ☞ Stay on the sidewalks and don't cut across people's yards.
- ☞ If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.
- ☞ Cross only at corners and never cross between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- ☞ Carry a flashlight with you so you can see and be seen.
- ☞ Wear costumes that are not too long or too loose.
- ☞ If you wear a mask, make sure you can see and breathe easily through it. Make-up is usually safer.
- ☞ Don't go into someone's house. Stay outside.
- ☞ Only go to houses that are well-lit.
- ☞ Don't take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- ☞ Be courteous and always say "Thank you".
- ☞ Don't push others when you are at the door.
- ☞ Don't eat your treats until your parents have checked them.
- ☞ Make sure treats are in their original wrappers.
- ☞ Don't eat homemade treats unless you know the people that gave them to you.
- ☞ Tell your parents which streets you will be Trick or Treating on.

Remember, Trick or Treating is supposed to be fun. Make sure you follow these tips so you can have a safe and fun Halloween.



Trick or Treat

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 26th – Centreville Day “Celebrating Our Diversity” is the theme of this year’s parade and festival. Features include arts, crafts, jewelry, historic re-enactments, games, rides, local entertainment, and much more. For more information visit www.centrevilleday.com

Sunday, October 25th – K-9 Krawl 5K In honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Fairfax County Police Department is sponsoring our 3rd annual K-9 Krawl 5K. This event is a dog walk to increase awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty. For more information see the flyer on page 5.

RECENT CRIME TRENDS

- ☞ GPS thefts continue to rise. If you leave a GPS unit on your dash or mounted to your windshield in an unattended vehicle, you are asking for trouble. Please remove all GPS units and other items of value from your vehicle. **Keep your vehicle locked at all times!**
- ☞ **Never leave purses unattended in a grocery cart, or anywhere for that matter, even for a minute.** Leaving your purse unattended in a grocery cart creates an opportunity for a thief to steal the entire purse or remove some of its contents. Please remember to keep your purse with you at all times.

Let’s strive to prevent these types of crimes. Report all suspicious activity to the police. When in doubt, call it in!

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

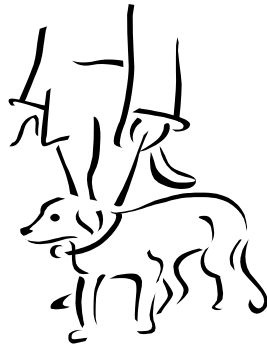
- ☞ Lock windows and doors as much as possible whether you are home or away.
- ☞ Install a peep hole in your door or use a window to see who is at your door before opening it. Never open your door to someone you don’t know.
- ☞ Plan ahead, always consider “What if.” It’s not possible to prepare for every situation but make a plan and stick to it.
- ☞ Always trust your first instincts. When you observe suspicious people or events don’t override your feelings. Instead, react to them and call the police.

In honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Fairfax County Police Department is
sponsoring our 3rd annual

K-9 Krawl 5K

A dog walk to increase awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty



Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009

Time: Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

The walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Place: Fairfax County Government Center
(parking lot C)**

This FREE walk is a great way for you and your canine companion to come out and show support for victims and pets of violence during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Goodie bags

Domestic Violence Resource Tables

McGruff the Crime Dog

FCPD Bloodhound

FCPD K-9 bomb dog "Gracie"

For more information about this event and to sign up please call 703-814-7009



Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians? **Next available dates:** October 8 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

October 22 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you can call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

CAC Corner



The Citizens' Advisory Committee provides a means for the district station commander and police staff to hear citizens' concerns directly, provide information on police issues and allows group members to share information with others in their residential, business, civic or church groups. It is a valuable bridge between the community and the police department.

Sully Police District residents and business people who are interested in learning more about the Sully District CAC are encouraged to contact MPO W. M. Brock at 703-814-7048 or PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018.

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Meetings

When: October 7th at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Sully Senior Center– 5690 Sully Road Centreville, VA 20120

Topic: Domestic Violence– The victim, the aggressor, and the witness.

When: November 10th at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Sully Senior Center– 5690 Sully Road Centreville, VA 20120

Topic: Protecting yourself from crime during the holidays.

To learn more about TRIAD/S.A.L.T. please see page 9 or visit www.vaag.com

Prevention Awareness



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sully District Station
Crime Prevention Unit



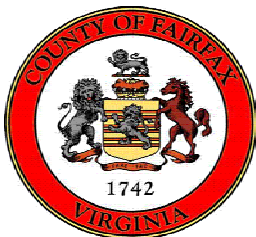
THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ARE ON THE RISE !

Protect your property !!

Increasing numbers of purses, wallets, laptop computers, GPS units, iPods, cameras, and other valuable items are being stolen from vehicles.

Tips for deterring thefts:

- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside.
- Items should be REMOVED and not just concealed.
- Lock all doors and close the windows when leaving the car, even if it's only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park in a well-lit area.
- Call the police IMMEDIATELY if you observe ANY suspicious people, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood.



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Non-Emergency 703-691-2131
Emergency 911

For more information please contact the Sully District Station Crime Prevention Unit at 703-814-7018 or 703-814-7048



Support the Fairfax County Police Department CANTEEN



Save your caps and flaps!

The Citizens Police Academy alumni are collecting Coke bottle caps and 12-pack flaps for the FCPD Canteen. The Canteen provides needed refreshments to officers during critical incidents. Reward points from caps and flaps will be redeemed for free refreshments from Coke. You can drop off any caps and flaps that are collected at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Thanks for your support!

*Sponsored by the Fairfax County Citizens Police Academy
Alumni Association*



Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report online
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Code of Virginia
Serchable Database

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018
or
703-814-7048

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

Citizen Reporting System (to file reports only)
703-691-2131



By: Carol Burton– Sully SALT co-chair

Seniors (55 and over) in the Sully Police District are active, committed people. Many still work outside their homes and are busy with sports, crafts, grandchildren and community involvement.

But crime still happens, even to the most aware seniors, and it's worse for those who are alone, fragile and vulnerable as they age.

Now there is a nationwide organization to address crime specifically targeting seniors called TRIAD.

Started in 1988, in Louisiana, TRIAD is a partnership between law enforcement and citizens aimed at preventing seniors from being victimized by criminals.

Virginia TRIAD began in 1995 and is overseen by the Commonwealth's Attorney General's office. There are many chapters throughout the Commonwealth, from urban to rural areas.

Here in Fairfax County each police substation hosts a S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) council. This brings citizens, law enforcement, clergy, county aging representatives, elected officials and the business community together to fight crime against seniors.

Sully Station's 2009-2010 program will be getting underway on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 2009 at 12:30 pm at the Sully Senior Center.

We want you and all your fellow seniors to take a break from your activities and join us!

Topics for this coming year include: Crime prevention and seniors, home security checks, understanding domestic violence, personal safety while shopping or in public and help with consumer fraud.

We hope to have a variety of speakers at our meetings and are seeking interested participants. We also hope to distribute folders with valuable information to citizens in the future.

Many...many plans– and we need our energized citizens to help! You've got the date, time and place. We hope you'll be a part of this group. For more information and to learn how to get involved, call MPO W. M. Brock at 703-814-7048 or PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018. You can also e-mail us at wbroc1@fairfaxcounty.gov or pkatin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

This document is available in an alternative format upon request. Please call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-7562. TTY 703-204-2264. Allow seven working days for preparation of the material.

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